(a) whether foot wear and footwear components are exported;

(b) if so, the percentage value in the international market of both products exported during the last two years, separately; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to export finished footwears in place f footwear components with a view t earn more foreign exchange and to provide more job opportunities in the country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of latest data available (upto 1989) on word trade, India's share of exports of footwear and footwear components in the international market during 1988 and 1989 has been about 1.25% and 1.82% respectively.

(c) Government are conscious of the need to encourage exports of finished footwears and have taken a number of promotional measures in this direction which, inter-alia, include:

(i) duty free import of leather in raw, semifinished form to supplement domestic availability of leather;

(ii) import of other raw materials, consumables, accessories, chemicals and capital goods with concessional duties;

(iii) strengthening design and development programmes;

(iv) augmenting man-power training both within the country or outside;

(v) establishing industrial estates and promoting common facility centres; and

(vi) improving quality of Indian products and making them more competitive in the world market.

Funds of Small and Medium Projects

6023. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued by the Industrial Development Bank of India for financing medium projects by the nationalised banks and State financial institutions;

(b) the debt-equity ratio fixed by the Industrial Development Bank of India for small scale and medium projects; and

(c) the details of the industries which are covered by these guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Under its Scheme for Refinance of Industrial Loans, Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has issued the following guidelines to the primary lending institutions including Nationalised Banks and State Financial Corporations (SFCs) in respect of projects to be covered under the scheme:

1. Industries eligible for assistance: All Industries falling within the definition of Industrial Concern under the section 2 (c) of IDBI Act, excluding the industries included into he negative list f the Govt. of India are eligible for assistance. In addition IDBI has issued guidelines to eligible for assistance. In addition IDBI has issued guidelines to eligible institutions for assistance to certain industries keeping in view the emerging demand and supply situation.

II. Project Cost: The Project Cost should not normally exceed Rs. 300 lakhs. However, SFCs and State Industrial Development Corporations (SIDCs) which meet the prescribed eligibility criteria are permitted to finance projects with cost upto Rs. 500 lakhs.

III. Eligible Loans Amount:

	Name of the Institution	*SFC/SIDC meeting prescribed eligibility criteria*	*Others*
	SFC	Rs.90 lakhs	Rs..60 lakhs
	SIDC	Rs.150 lakhs	Rs.90 lakhs
IV.	Promoter's Contribution % to the	17.5% for projects located in A and B category backward area.	
	project cost	20% for projects located in C category backward area.	
		22.5% for projects located in non-backward area.	
V.	Debt Equity Ratio	2:1	
VI.	Rate of Interest	Between 17.5% to 20%to the Industrial Concerns by SFC/SIDC/ Bank and 15% by IDBI on its refinance amount to SFC/SIDC/Bank	
VII.	Front end fe	1%	

(b) The Debt Equity Ratio (DER) for medium scale industries normally does not exceed 2:1 . As regards units in the small scale sector, with the setting up of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), refinance in respect of this sector is provided by SIDBI. The maximum DER prescribed by SIDBI for SSI units has uniformly been fixed at 3:1. However, SIDBI does not insist on equity contribution in respect of certain schemes namely the Composite Loan Scheme and Schemes for Assistance to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Physically Handicapped Entrepreneurs. Under the Scheme for modernisation and rehabilitation, a flexible approach towards DER is adopted.

(c) All industries falling within the definition of Industrial Concern under section 2 (c) of the IDBI Act are eligible for assistance under the Refinance Scheme

Investment by LIC & GIC in Maharashtra

6024. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount invested by Life Insurance Corporation of India and General Insurance Corporation of India in various regions